Sunday Worship

Crossing the Red Sea

October 25, 2020

The Gospel & Redemption in a Time of Exodus

Live Stream Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome
> Welcome from Grace Sacramento.
> My name is ... Thank you for joining us on the live stream of our worship service this morning.

(anything personal you want to share)

1. We want to connect and hear from you. If you're visiting for the first time or are new to Grace, we would love to meet you, help answer any questions, add you to our weekly email or get you connected to our wonderful community. Find the "contact us" tab on our website at www.wearegracesac.org and tell us how we can care for you and your family.

2. If you are in need of help whether material, or prayer or any another kind of assistance, follow the resources button on our website and click on either request prayer or request help.

3. If you'd like to give to Grace from home follow the "give" link on the menu for instructions for online giving or where to mail a gift if you'd like.

4a. [For outside] *Just as a bit of housekeeping. You may be wondering if we are or aren't masking considering we are outdoors. To protect the health and safety of everyone here to the greatest degree, we are asking you to social distance and to wear masks as you move about the cabin. You are free to take off your masks once you get to your socially distanced spot on the lawn. Thanks for joining us this morning.*

Call to Worship
> Welcome to Grace Sacramento
> My name is ... and I'm so happy you are here.

> Please stand if you are able and join me as I call us into worship this morning.... (Psalm 63:1-3)

O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You;
My soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary,
beholding Your power and glory.
Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise You.

Let's continue to worship!

Open The Eyes Of My Heart
V1x2, C, Vx2, Cx2, B, C

Be Thou My Vision
V1, V2, V3, V4

Confession/Assurance

When we confess our sins, we are not groveling in guilt, but dealing with it. If you deny your sins, you will never get free of them. So in the next few moments, we are going to take our cues from the ten commandments in Exodus 20 and admit the ways that we have contributed to the brokenness of the world and receive God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

You are invited to respond to each of the prayers of confession that I will pray with these words:

"Save us, God of truth and mercy, through Jesus Christ your Son."

Confession of Sin

God, we confess that we have worshipped Your gifts instead of You, the Giver, and turned good things into gods. We repent of our idolatrous hearts and choose to worship You alone.

Save us, God of truth and mercy, through Jesus Christ Your Son.

God, we confess that we have worshipped false versions of You, versions that we have formed after our own sinful desires and not Your infallible truth. We repent of our pride and choose to worship Jesus, the image of the invisible God.

Save us, God of truth and mercy, through Jesus Christ Your Son.

God, we confess that we have been casual with Your name and misrepresented it. We repent of our irreverent hearts and choose to honor and glorify Your name.

Save us, God of truth and mercy, through Jesus Christ Your Son.

God, we confess that we have rejected Your gift of rest. We repent of our business and self-reliance. Help us to rest in Christ.

Save us, God of truth and mercy, through Jesus Christ Your Son.

God, we confess that we have dishonored our parents and other authorities You have placed in our lives. Help us repent of our arrogant hearts and choose to honor godly authorities in fear of You.

Save us, God of truth and mercy, through Jesus Christ Your Son.

God, we confess that we have torn down and hated people who are made in Your image. We repent of our angry hearts. Help us to seek the good of our brothers and sisters for the glory of Your name.

Save us, God of truth and mercy, through Jesus Christ Your Son.

God, we confess that we have chosen our own desires over Your design for sex. We repent of our lustful hearts and choose the greater pleasure of obeying You and following Your design for our bodies.

Save us, God of truth and mercy, through Jesus Christ Your Son.

God, we confess that we have taken from others to benefit ourselves. We repent of our greedy hearts. Help us to choose to live generously, just as You have been so generous with us.

Save us, God of truth and mercy, through Jesus Christ Your Son.

God, we confess that we have lied and misrepresented the character of Jesus, who is the Truth. We

repent of our deceitful hearts and choose to speak the truth in love.

Save us, God of truth and mercy, through Jesus Christ Your Son.

God, we confess that we have been discontent with the life You've given me. We repent of our covetous hearts and choose to believe Christ is enough for us today.

Save us, God of truth and mercy, through Jesus Christ Your Son.

Words of Assurance

Let Psalm 103 give you solid assurance that you are forgiven:

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

Thanks be to God!

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me
V1, V2, V3, V4, Ending

Doxology

Passing of the Peace
The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

Prayers of the People
One day, after years of following Jesus, His disciples gathered the courage to ask Him something that had been bothering them: how should we pray? They were raised in religious homes and in a religious culture, but they didn't know how to pray, and maybe they were embarrassed to ask. We wonder too, don't we? In a world like ours, how are we supposed to pray? In the next few moments, let's just simply pray the prayer Jesus gave His disciples in response to their questions:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

Ministry Moment
Fall Family Scavenger Hunt

WORD

Scripture Reading
Exodus 14:21-31
Please stand if you are able for a reading from God's Holy Word. Today's Scripture reading is from Exodus 14:21-31. Please read with me the verses in bold.

[21] Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.
[22] And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.
[23] The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.
[24] And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic,
[25] clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians."

[26] Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen."
[27] So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea.
[28] The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained.
[29] But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

[30] Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.
[31] Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon
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